

ROYAL WELCOME IS GIVEN WILLARD

Madrid Papers Give Full Accounts of His Presentation at Court.

TRANSLATION OF SPEECHES

Alfonso Will Raise His American Minister to Rank of Ambassador.

Copies of leading Madrid daily and weekly papers, containing elaborate accounts of the initial reception of Joseph E. Willard, of Richmond, the first ambassador to Spain, by King Alfonso XIII, have been received here by friends. The ceremonies surrounding the presentation of Colonel Willard's credentials at court were treated by the Spanish journals as of the highest importance, and full descriptions of the affair and photographs of the principal figures and incidents are carried on the front page of each paper.

Colonel Willard, according to the story translated from "Heraldo de Madrid," drove from the Hotel Ritz, in which he has apartments, to the palace. He was escorted by a troop of cavalry. The Plaza de Armas is shown thronged with spectators, as the American representative, seated in a state carriage, made his way to the ceremonial.

Given Warm Reception.
At the palace he was met by court attendants, who escorted him to the grand staircase, where he was received by the crown ministers, the grandees of Spain, Dukes de Tamarit, Alba, Belier de Frias, Marqueses de Santa Cristina, Rafael, Mesa de Jata y Marbais, Counts de Plasencia, Bibon y Revillagigedo and a retinue of major-domos and gentlemen of the chambers. Accompanied by them, Colonel Willard entered the throne room. At the foot of the throne he made the customary reverence and presented his credentials to the king. In the throne room were present Her Highness the Infanta Isabel, with the Grand Duchess Cirilo and Princess Alexander of Battenberg. King Alfonso wore the uniform of a general of cavalry. He was surrounded by the minister of the palace, Marquese de la Torre, General Anar, lieutenant-colonel Don Fernando, his Majesty's adjutant, members of his cabinet and court officials.

Colonel Willard's Address.
As Colonel Willard handed his papers to King Alfonso, he said:

"Your Majesty: The President of the United States has requested me to present to your majesty letters in which I am commissioned extra-ordinary minister and plenipotentiary of the United States accredited to Spain, and letters which accord me as ambassador extraordinary to your majesty. In presenting these credentials, I also have the honor to express to your majesty the sentiments of the cordial friendship and sincere wishes of the President of the United States for the health and prosperity of your majesty, of Her Highness the Queen, the royal family, the government and people of Spain. I esteem it a great honor to have been sent by my government to be the first ambassador to a country whose history records such glorious achievements as the discovery of a new continent. During my residence here I shall consecrate all my efforts to maintain, extend and foster the cordial and friendly relations which now exist between your majesty's government and the United States of America."

King Alfonso's Response.
The king, in reply to Colonel Willard, said:

"Mr. Ambassador: It gives me great pleasure to accept the sentiments of friendship which, in presenting your ambassadorial letters, you communicated on behalf of the President of the United States. For the good wishes you have formulated for my happiness and the happiness of myself and the Queen, the royal family, the government, and the people of Spain. The raising of the diplomatic representative to this court to the dignity of an ambassador has been very much appreciated in Spain, and I propose to correspond to this proof of cordial deference in giving a like character to my minister plenipotentiary in Washington. In receiving letters that accord you as ambassador extraordinary to your majesty, it gives me genuine pleasure to assure you that on all occasions aid of my government will be offered for the fulfillment of your mission, and I ask, Mr. Ambassador, that you convey to the President of the United States the sentiments of my sincere friendship, and that you transmit to his excellency and the American people, my good wishes for the happiness and prosperity and extension of the United States of America."

Ambassador Willard Gets Royal Welcome in Spain



The top picture shows Ambassador Joseph E. Willard leaving the Ritz Hotel in Madrid in the royal state coach to present his credentials to His Majesty Alfonso XIII. The lower picture shows Mr. Willard, the first American ambassador to Spain, leaving the palace after having presented his credentials to the king. The royal coach in which he rides is crossing the Plaza de Armas. Spanish newspapers devote many pages to the event, and the fact that Spain was raised to an embassy rank was accepted as an evidence of the cordial relations between the two countries.

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Press Official Calls.
After these remarks, King Alfonso descended from his throne and conversed in English with Ambassador Willard for a considerable time. Later Colonel Willard paid his compliments to Queen Victoria. The new ambassador then closed his official visits with a call upon the Minister of State and the President of the Council.

The A. B. C., a weekly illustrated magazine of high type, carries as its frontispiece, a full-page photograph of Colonel Willard visiting the Minister of State, the Marquese de Lema. The two, in full evening dress, are seated in the latter's library. La Tribuna, the official court publication, has a picture of the President of the Council, Senor Dato, in uniform, seated with Colonel Willard in his apartment in Hotel Ritz. Both journals have lengthy accounts of the ceremonies. La Tribuna also shows Col-

onel Willard leaving the hotel under escort. This same photograph and one showing the cavalcade moving down the street, is used by the Heraldo de Madrid, a large afternoon paper. El Liberal, a morning paper, shows Colonel Willard descending from his carriage at the palace.

Colonel Willard was appointed by President Wilson as the first ambassador to Spain. His credentials were presented to King Alfonso on October 31.

Charters Issued.
Charters were issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday as follows:
Auto Supply Company (Inc.), Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$5,000. W. A. Brandt, president; H. M. Brandt, secretary—both of Norfolk.
Williams-Donnel Drug Company (Inc.), Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$10,000. C. P. Donnel, president; J. N. Williams, Jr., secretary and treasurer—both of Norfolk.
Esmont Ice Company (Inc.), Esmont. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$5,000. D. W. Campbell, president; W. B. Forsyth, secretary—both of Esmont.
Times-Dispatch Company (Inc.), Richmond. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$10,000. Richard Riley, president; W. Byron Tennant, secretary—both of Richmond.
Arlanville County Fair Association (Inc.), Charlottesville. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$10,000. E. Taylor, president; H. M. Walker, secretary—both of Charlottesville.

Building Permits.
Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:
A. Greenwald, to build a three-story brick store and flats on the east side of Meadow Street between Monument and Park Avenues, to cost \$25,000.
Mrs. J. Calvin Stewart, to repair frame building, 1117 Taylor Street, to cost \$15,000.

Charter Changes Committee Called.
Chairman Fuller issued a call yesterday for a meeting of the Council Committee on Charter Changes to be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow night.

Sues for \$2,000.
H. P. Lottner filed suit for \$2,000 yesterday in the Tax and Equity Court against L. J. Birge. There was no declaration.

Judgment \$500.35.
Judgment for \$500.35 was entered yesterday in the City Circuit Court in favor of E. J. Chisom against W. J. Woodson.

COST OF LIVING CAUSES DELAY

Average Age of Brides and Grooms Steadily Going Up.

TWENTY-NINE LICENSES

Annual Thanksgiving Rush Break Records of Matrimonial Bureau.

The eve of Thanksgiving Day sent twenty-nine couples to the Hastings Court yesterday in quest of the \$1 certificate of happiness everlasting. It was the usual holiday rush—only larger. Deputy Clerk Breeden spent the better part of the day tabulating vital statistics concerning brides and grooms-to-be and their parents. Yesterday's record, he thought, ranked well with the heaviest Thanksgiving scores of recent years.

Of the twenty-nine couples that secured licenses, thirteen were white and sixteen were colored. The youngest bride was eighteen and the oldest was forty-two. The extremes in the male division were, respectively, twenty-one and fifty.

The high cost of living, with the correlative high cost of supporting a wife, is reflected in the high average age of both the men and women for whose marriage licenses were issued yesterday. The average age of the white bridegroom was twenty-seven, while his bride averaged twenty-four years and three months. In the colored division the averages were, respectively, twenty-nine years and four months and twenty-four years and six months.

Average Age Going Up.

Marriage records of a generation ago show the average age of the bridegroom to have been at least three or four years earlier in the twenties, with a corresponding decrease in the average age of the bride. There has been a steady upward climb in the marriage age, for which economists easily account.

According to professors who draw salaries for figuring these things out the age of the bridegroom, speaking largely, must vary directly with the ratio that obtains between his earning capacity and the cost of living. Under modern conditions, it is asserted, the age at which the young man attains economic freedom in earning, is now large enough to support a wife—is going up, like the elevator which takes him to his daily task.

In the case of the girls, the accelerating marriage age is just as clearly evident. The economists account for this fact by saying that the average woman must wait, willy nilly, until Lochinvar comes riding out of the West, and the longer the trooper waits the longer his affinity must tarry.

Licenses Issued.

The white licenses issued yesterday by Deputy Clerk Breeden, follow:
William Joseph Green and Emma Nora Golley; Robert R. Jackson and Carrie Louise Schoenberger; John Edward Rose and Grace Edith Pollard; John Henry Spencer and Marie Robinson; Jacob M. Wright and Bette E. Holt; Robert E. Danforth and Josephine P. Woodson; Percy M. Archer and Sarah Ethel Atwell; Aubrey L. Butler and Alice May Gill; Dennis Andrew Enright and Mary Elizabeth Stiles; Willie Clayton Willard and Stella M. Fisher; James G. Forrester and Molly Harding; Wallace L. Overton and Ollie Gertrude Griffin; William M. Rickman and Irene Elvira Dixon.

Married in Washington.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to the following Richmond couples:
Olin R. Pugh and Hazel L. Reid; William E. Hale and Lucy J. Wright; Harold A. Drake and Mary B. Bowles; M. Elrie McClintock and Mervin N. Holloway.

County Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Deputy Clerk Breeden to the following: Charles L. Burnett, of Richmond, and Laura Irene Rayhorn of Henrico; Herbert Oakley and Louise Elizabeth Bradley, both of Henrico.

RAGTIME EXPRESS ARRIVES ON TIME

Kirmess Specialty Wins Applause and Promises to Captivate Audiences.

The Ragtime Express arrived on time at the Ritz and, in the evening, night, and delighted the hearts of the youthful performers, who are to appear Friday, Saturday and Monday at the Academy of Music.

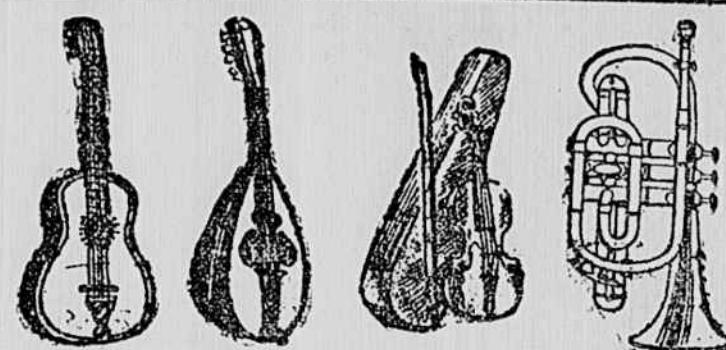
While the management of the Kirmess carefully concealed the details of the various dances, the form of the Ragtime Express became known after last night's rehearsal. The express is a train of baggage cars, dry cones and Pullmans, each car being represented by an individual dancer. The Pullman porter, who is the comedian of the specialty, is to be general master of the dance, and is to run the various performers after his own sweet will. The "porter" is Travis Tate, of South Carolina, who promises to make the leading matrons of Richmond look to their laurels.

Added interest was given to yesterday's rehearsal by the presence of Miss Katherine Noland, of Baltimore, who is to appear in a solo dance. Miss Noland, whose mother was Miss Rosalie Haxall, a Richmond belle of other days, has been studying in Paris, and at the rehearsals showed her fellow performers how thoroughly she had mastered her art. Despite the smooth and treacherous floor, she executed some stunts that aroused the enthusiasm of her audience.

The Sunnyside Farm dance, which was practiced last night amid loud applause, will present a charming company of Richmond children, who have been splendidly drilled by Mrs. Luther Dawson, Garbat, as country children, and with all the "properties" of the historic farm, they promise to be winners.

Another feature which aroused great enthusiasm last night was the "clerk," executed by Miss Horner and Mr. Korshaw, as a feature of the Quaker dance.

"The rehearsals are going splendidly," declared the weary chairmen of one of the committees, "and we believe the first performance Friday night will be perfectly smooth. Of one thing we are certain, and that is that the girls who are to grace the stage will be the prettiest that have ever appeared behind the footlights in Richmond."



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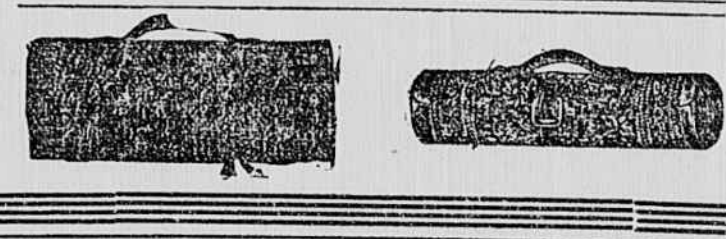
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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Orange, Va., November 26.—News of the tragic death of Dr. J. D. Frazer reached here to-night. Dr. Frazer had left home only a short while when his lifeless body was found on the road-

side. His horse, which was young and wild, was found further on tangled in a wire fence with the wreck of the vehicle still hitched to him. From the appearance of the body and vehicle it is supposed that his horse became unmanageable, and that Dr. Frazer was thrown from the buggy and dragged to death.

Dr. Frazer was a graduate of the University College of Medicine of Richmond, and had practiced his profession for ten years at Danton, this county. He was in his thirty-fifth year. He leaves a widow and three small children.



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